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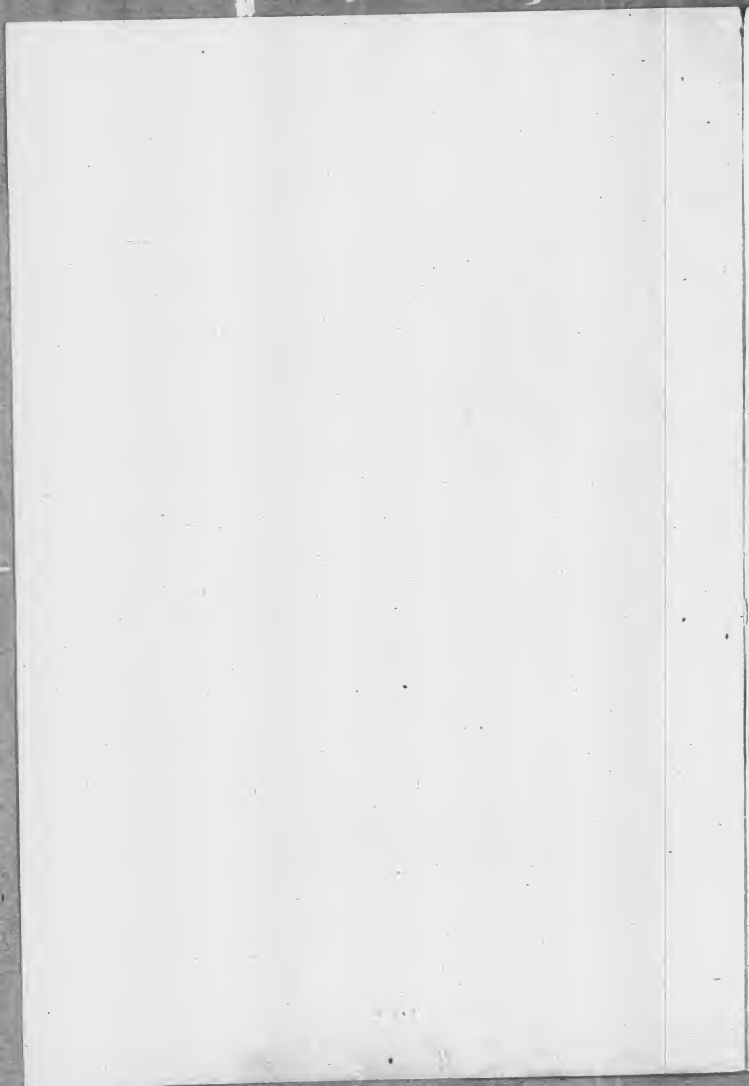
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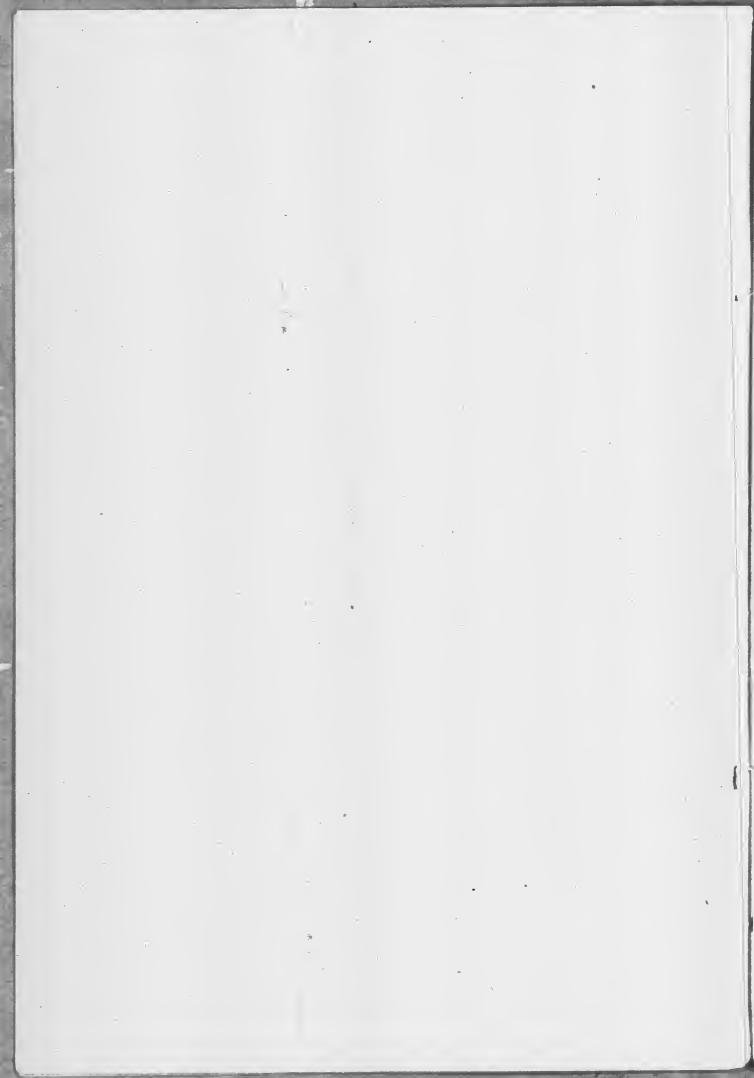
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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, September 24, 1881.

The churches of the Mulberry Baptist Association met by their delegates with the Mulberry Baptist Church, 16 miles west of Centerville, Bibb County, Alabama, it being the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the body.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder F. M. Hobson, from the 13th chapter and 34th, 35th verses of the Gospel by John: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

A recess was then given for dinner, after which Elder F. M. Hobson, the former Moderator, called the Association together, and after singing, prayer was offered by the Moderator, who then called the body to order and appointed Brethren John G. Lowery and William Bishop to read the letters from the churches.

The letters were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Union—William J. Greathouse, *A. J. Fair*, J. R. Wiggins, Henry Thompson.

Springhill—B. F. Boggs, Levi Barnett,* Charles W. Arnold, Robert Arnold *

Macedonia—D. Z. Marchant, F. C. Compton,* Lindsey Moore, Manuel Gibson, Young Nix.*

Shady Grove—E. W. Chapman,* Joseph Helton,* James Smith-
ermon, Alfred Smithermon.*

Centerhill—Z. W. Langston, R. J. Langston,* W. B. Scott,
Thomas Cleckler *

Pleasant Grove—James Thomas,* Albert T. Patterson,* Sutton
Smithermon,* John Gothard.

South Sandy—J. T. Summers, J. B. Thompson, David Dockery,*
Sidney Dockery.*

Providence—*R. M. Honeycutt*, John B. Milstead, James Lucus,
George W. Howldich, J. B. Martin, John Boyd,* H. N. Beasley.

Antioch—*J. M. Langston*, A. J. Woolley, *O. J. Cottingham*,
Daniel Ward,* H. L. Woolley, W. H. Thomas, Jourdan Risinger,*
Z. J. Corley.

Mulberry—Elzia Fikes, W. H. Holman, J. W. Caddell, A. D.
Fikes.*

Elliotts Creek—M. T. Jenkins,* A. Mitchel, William Phipps.*
 Pine Flat—William D. Latner, J. T. Smelley.
 Haysop—*W. G. Hubbard*, J. R. Robinson, W. T. Murphey,*
 R. M. Brown, M. P. Champion, J. W. Hubbard.*
 Rehoboth—*I. M. Hicks*, Thomas Collins, M. F. Lawley,* G. M.
 Woolley, Thomas Siliman.
 Liberty—*F. M. Hobson*, J. H. Deweese, E. H. Haigler, J. R.
 Hobson.*

[NOTE—Names of ordained ministers in *Italics*; absentees marked *.

Then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, to serve in the present session. Elder F. M. Hobson was elected Moderator, and R. M. Honeycutt, Clerk.

The Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum were then read.

Ministers not messengers, were then invited to seats with us.

Opened the door for churches

Then appointed the following committees:

On devotion—J. H. Deweese, Thomas Collins, J. B. Milstead, with Deacons of Mulberry Church.

On Arrangement of business—W. G. Hubbard, I. M. Hicks, O. J. Cottingham, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—E. C. Haigler, Z. J. Corley, Z. W. Langston.

On Sabbath Schools and Documents—J. H. Deweese, J. M. Langston and A. J. Woolley.

Opened the door for correspondence. Received correspondence as follows:

From Cahaba Association—Brethren William Bishop, R. S. Jones.

From Tuscaloosa Association—J. W. Loveless, J. G. Lowery, J. H. Payne, with letters and minutes.

From Harmony Association—Elder S. V. McGinnis, R. H. Blake, with minutes.

On motion, returned correspondence as follows:

To Tuscaloosa Association—Malcom Morrison, E. C. Haigler, William Holman, James Wiggins, F. M. Hobson.

To Harmony Association—W. G. Hubbard, M. P. Champion and F. M. Hobson.

To Cahaba Association—I. M. Hicks, J. M. Langston.

To Unity Association—A. J. Woolley and J. M. Langston.

Devotional Committee offered the following report:

Elder W. G. Hubbard to conduct prayer meeting Sabbath morning, 9 o'clock;
 Elder William Bishop to preach at 11, followed by Brother J. H. Payne; Rev.
 S. V. McGinnis to preach at 2 p. m., followed by Rev. R. S. Jones.

By motion, adjourned until 9 a. m., Monday.

SABBATH.

Prayer meeting was conducted by W. G. Hubbard, in which the presence of the Lord was manifest, indeed. Brother Bishop preached at 11 from the 27th chapter and a part of the 42nd verse of the Gospel by Matthew, "He saved others; himself He cannot save." The brother preached an excellent sermon in which the Christians were fed and sinners were warned. The meeting was concluded with prayer by Brother Payne, and singing.

A recess was again given for dinner, after which Brother McGinnis preached from 10th chapter and 27th verse of the Gospel by St John, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life."

The congregation was disturbed by rain, but we feel sure from the signs shown in the congregation that good was done by the faithful labors of the day.

MONDAY.

The Association met according to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder I. M. Hicks. The Moderator then called the body to order and called for report of committee on arrangement of business, which was offered and received and the business taken up accordingly.

Called the roll and marked absentees (See table)

Opened the door for correspondence

On motion, the following brethren were appointed to write the corresponding letters to the sister Associations:

To Tuscaloosa Association - E. C. Haigler.

To Harmony Association - W. G. Hubbard.

To Cahaba Association - I. M. Hicks.

To Unity Association - J. M. Langston.

Report on Missions read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee to whom was entrusted the importance of the Mission work, beg leave to report that we view it as a work of no small importance, and are sorry to see so little care manifested by our churches in this great cause. Therefore we earnestly urge them to take some part in this work, and to say in their letters how much money has been given by them to the various Missionary causes for which our State Board is at work. It proposes to raise \$9,000 for the State Mission work, and our pro rata share is \$104.00, which is about ten cents to each member. We urge this Association to raise that little sum between now and the time the Convention meets, which will be in July, 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DEWEESE, Chairman.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we as an Association request the deacons of each church to lay before their respective churches the cause and claims of the State Mission Board and urge upon them to assist the Board in carrying on their work, and to send any funds that may be offered to T. M. Bailey, Secretary of the State Board, Marion, Alabama.

Report of committee on Indigent and Worndown Ministers, called for and received, as follows:

J. H. Deweese in first District reports Brother A. J. Russel as disabled; also reports that he has been amply cared for by the church and friends.

Brother A. J. Woolley in second District reports Brother William Cohran disabled. No report from third District.

On motion, the same brethren were continued on that committee for the next year: J. H. Deweese, A. J. Woolley and W. H. Allen.

On motion, a public collection was taken up for those ministers and money divided between them. By information Brother James Allen in 3rd District was included. \$11.15 was collected. Antioch church sent up \$11.50, which was also divided between the three brethren.

By motion, adjourned 45 minutes for dinner.

WHEREAS this Association has closed its last few sessions in disorder and confusion on account of the delegates' leaving before the business was completed, we your committee on Arrangements request the body to see if there can not be a remedy found for this.

Resolved, therefore, that the Moderator request all the delegates to remain until the work is completed, and that if any leave without permission of the Moderator their names be crossed as absentees.

Committee on Finance reported \$11.75 received from the churches for minutes and Associational purposes.

Committee on Sabbath Schools and Documents offered the following report, which was received and committee discharged:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools and Documents, beg leave to report. On examining the letters from the churches we find that Antioch church has sent up \$11.50 to be equally divided among Indigent and Worndown Ministers in our Association, and we find nothing else that claims our attention, only some of the churches have reported gracious revivals. We are gratified to find that some of our churches report flourishing Sabbath Schools, while at the same time we are sorry that so many have none or at least reported none. We urge upon the churches that have no Sabbath Schools to organize them and report them in their letters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LANGSTON, Chairman

On motion, the next session of the body meets with Providence church, 5 miles north of Jamison, Clanton County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1882. Elder O. J. Cottingham to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder I. M. Hicks, alternate.

On motion, 700 copies of these minutes be printed and 50 reserved for correspondence, the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and pay all expenses of printing and sending the minutes, and he receive the remainder for his services.

The following brethren were appointed distributing agents: First District, E. C. Haigler; Minutes sent to Clements Station, Tuscaloosa County. Second, O. J. Cottingham; Minutes sent to Six Mile, Bibb County. The Clerk for the third District.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as delegates to the State Convention held at Huntsville, Alabama: Elders J. M. Langston, F. M. Hobson and R. M. Honeycutt

On motion, the Association advise the churches in our union to use in their Sabbath Schools our own denominational books

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Mulbery Church and vicinity around for the generous manner in which they provided for the Association.

The Association having finished all the business before her, on motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned
Prayer by Brother J. M. Langston.

R. M. HONEYCUTT, Clerk, F. M. HOBSON, Moderator

The next meeting of the First District will be held with South Sandy Church, commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in September, 1882 Introductory Sermon preached by Elder F. M. Hobson; Elder A. J. Fair, alternate.

First subject for discussion: "What relation do the older members of the church sustain towards the younger, and what is their duty toward them? Opened by J. H. Deweese

Second: In what way can we best improve the spirituality of our churches? Opened by A. J. Mayfield.

The next meeting of the Second District will be held with Shady Grove church, Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1882
First subject for discussion: "Was the Law of giving our substance for the support of the Gospel ever nullified? Opened by M. C. Thomas and J. J. Hicks. Second: In what sense does the Christian walk by faith? Opened by A. J. Woolley and J. E. Chapman. Elder I. M. Hicks to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. M. Langston, alternate

The next meeting of the Third District will be held with Centerville Church, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in August, 1882. Rev. W. G. Riggins to preach the Introductory Sermon; James Allen, alternate. Subject: "What constitutes a good Deacon? Opened by W. H. Allen and J. J. Honeycutt.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES.

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